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REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection – Richardson and Mital

The Examiner has rejected claims 32-49 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,028,764 issued to Richardson et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Richardson") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,878,282 issued to Mital (hereinafter "Mital").

Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot in view of the amendments above. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that Richardson and Mital should not be combined, for the reasons argued in previous responses.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection – Richardson, Mital and Parrish

The Examiner has rejected claims 50-54 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Richardson in view of Mital in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,704,879 issued to Parrish (hereinafter "Parrish").

Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot in view of the amendments above. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that Richardson, Mital, and Parrish should not be combined.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

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Respectfully submitted,

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